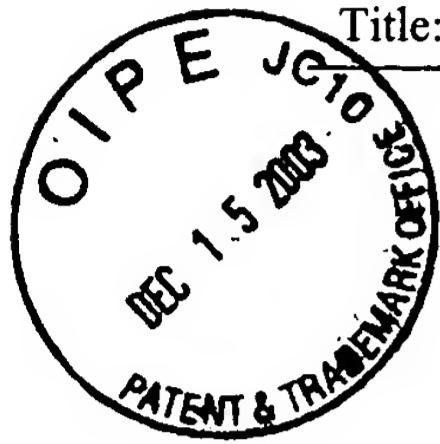


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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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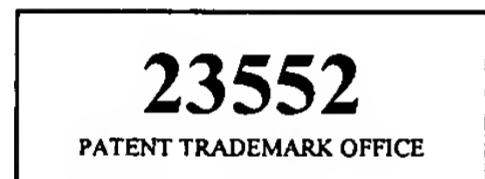
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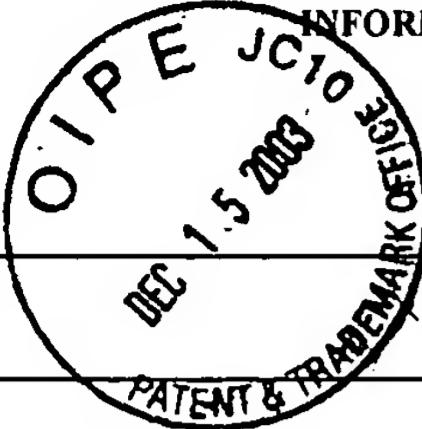
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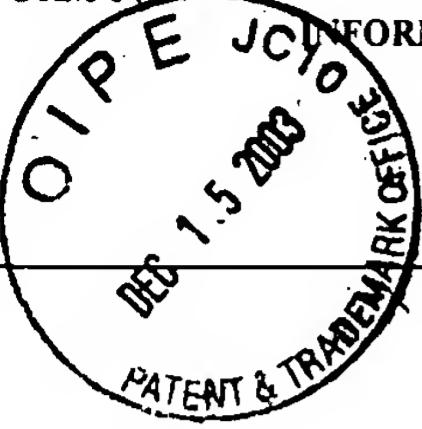


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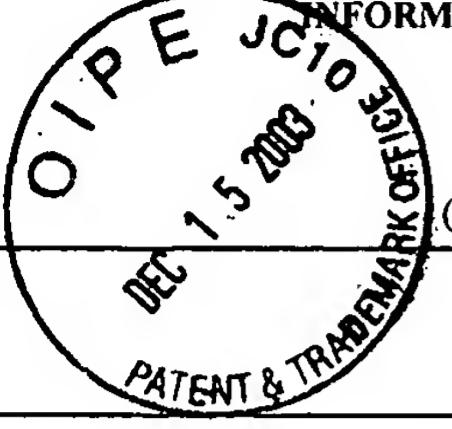
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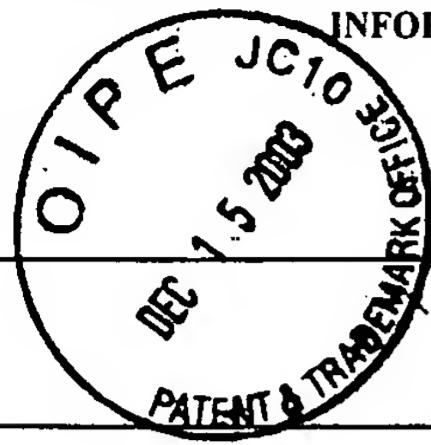
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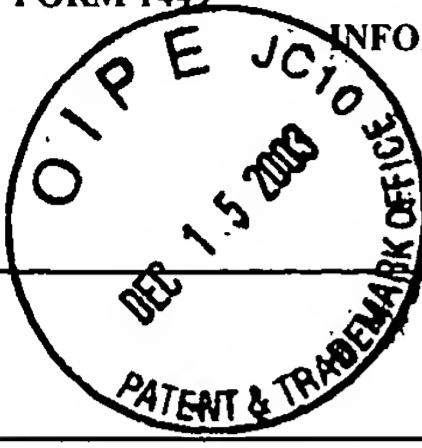
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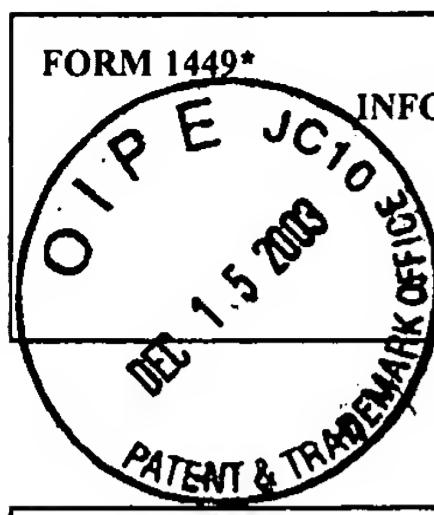
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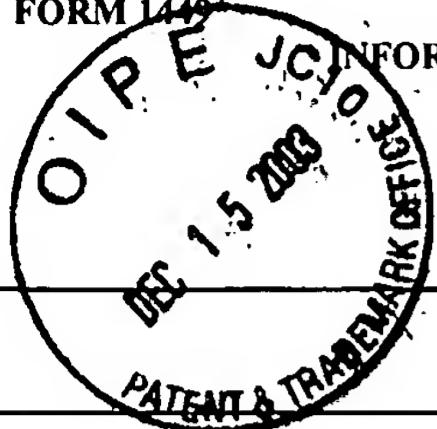
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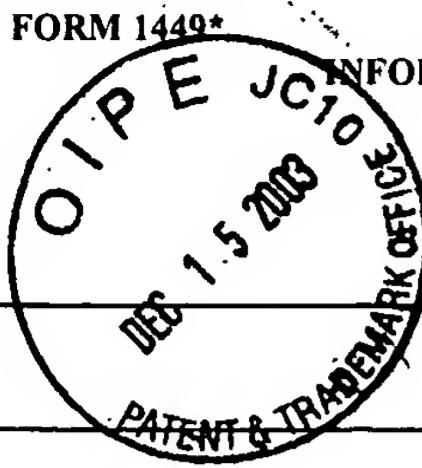
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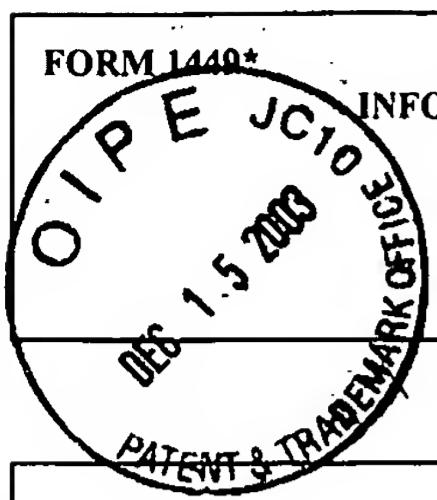
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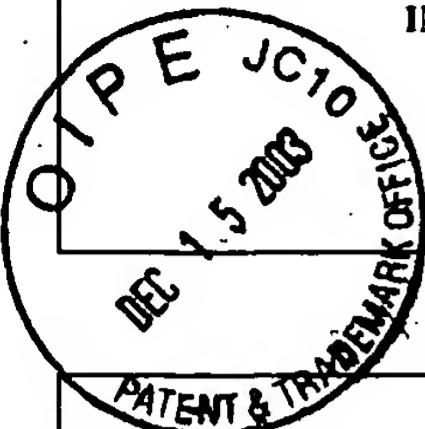
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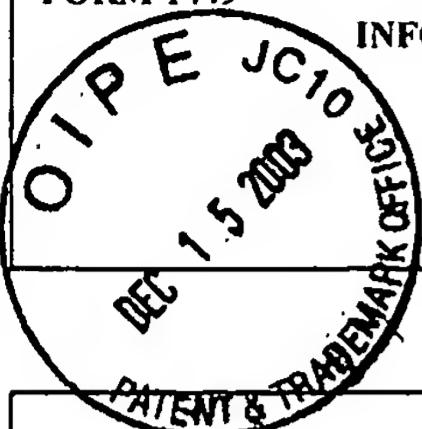
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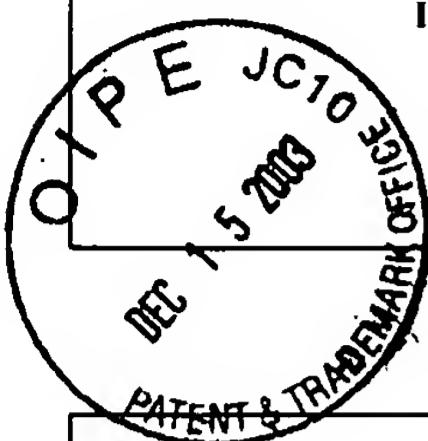
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